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1. A number of civilian employees of the Polish Navy have been given the following alternatives: to continue to be employed by the navy, in which case they will have to don a uniform, become subject to naval discipline, and will be required to reside in certain specially designated sections of the town; or to have their naval employment terminated immediately. Persons who refused to remain in the Navy lost the privilege of residing and working in the coastal area.

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2. At Dziwnow (Berg Dievenow), near the eastern edge of Wolyn (Wollin) Island, there is a small but well situated basin located on the eastern side of the Dziwna river-canal. It is rumored that this basin will be used for Polish or Soviet submarines. South of this basin there is a land and seaplane base, which was used extensively by the Germans during the war; both sections of this base, at which some wartime buildings remained, are being reconstructed for use by the Soviet Air Force.

3. With the exception of the navigable channel between Swinoujscie and Szczecin (Stettin), shipping is prevented from moving freely in Szczecin Bay because of the numerous maritime mines and wartime wrecks, such as ships, boats, tanks, and trucks, that are to be found there. Neither the Polish nor the Soviet authorities have made any great effort to clear these waters. Traffic between Swinoujscie and Szczecin is stopped for as much as two to three days whenever Soviet naval ships come to Swinoujscie, or when Soviet merchant ships carrying Soviet troops or Soviet military equipment go to or leave from Szczecin. At such times, no ships, including Polish ships, can enter from the sea or leave Szczecin.

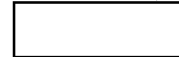
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4. The Polish Merchant Marine school ships, DAR POMORZA, ZEW MORZA, HENRYK RUTKOWSKI, JANEK KRASICKI, and BENIOWSKI, will leave Gdynia in the fall of 1952 and will go to Szczecin, because Szczecin and Szczecin Bay will become the Polish Merchant Marine training center. It also will become a small European Hong Kong for the Soviet Union and all satellite states, including East Germany, because the Soviet Union does not want to have any foreign ships in the Baltic beyond Swinoujscie. At the same time, Gdansk (Danzig) Bay will become the largest Soviet naval base in that area of the Baltic Sea.